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Mr. Thomas V. Skinner
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Skinner:

Indiana is committed to the goals of the federal Clean Air Act and to working towards clean air for all Hoosiers.

I have asked the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to conduct the evaluation required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with respect to the new eight-hour ozone health standard. The Commissioner of IDEM is forwarding Indiana's recommendations to date under separate cover today.

Indiana strongly urges EPA to continue to rely upon the advice of the state of Indiana as ozone data is collected yet this season before making your final determinations on attainment status for counties within Indiana. Indiana also urges EPA to provide as much flexibility as allowed by the federal Clean Air Act to avoid the imposition of measures that may harm economic development in situations in which Indiana and others have already taken appropriate measures to ensure healthy air.

I am confident that we can continue to work together to ensure that appropriate final decisions are made next year on the attainment status for all of Indiana.

Sincerely,

Frank O'Bannon
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FOB/lfk/jgm
Attachments

cc: Lori Kaplan, Commissioner IDEM